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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

In response to the Notice To File Corrected Application Papers, and pursuant to a telephone conversation between the undersigned and Ms. Delora Dillard, enclosed herewith new copies of FIG. 3, 4, 6 and 7 for scanning purposes. Moreover, the Requirement is respectfully traversed for the reasons stated in the Remarks below and withdrawal thereof is requested.

REMARKS

The Notice states that the "application includes photographs of the invention subject matter that appear capable of illustration and which are illegible after scanning[.]"

It is respectfully submitted that the statement is thrice in error.

First, as to the first portion of the statement -- that the "application includes photographs of the invention subject matter" it is respectfully noted that each of figures 3, 4, 6 and 7 as filed are clearly labeled "Prior Art," they are not depictions of the "invention subject matter".

Second, the statement that this prior art "appear[s] capable of illustration" is wrong. The prior art ferrule shown in those pictures is an actual thing that is tiny -- approximately 2mm high, 6mm wide and 7mm deep. The problem referred to in the prior art can only be shown by showing the thing with the problem. No drawing could accurately depict the problem discussed in the application because such a drawing would be a complete fabrication and could even be